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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Y. KAWATA et al (see attached)

For:
A LOAD SHARING APPARATUS AND A
LOAD ESTIMATION METHOD

Enclosed are:

☒ 12 Sheets of Drawings

☐ This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

☒ Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2000-280118
filed September 11, 2000. ☐ A certified copy is attached herewith.

☐ Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
☐ discussed in the specification or ☐ attached Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

☒ Specification: Abstract ☒ X, Description 20 pages; and 10 claim(s).

☐ Preliminary Amendment.

☒ Executed Declaration.

The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

For:	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	10 - 20 = *	0
Indep Claims	5 - 3 = *	2

☐ Multiple Dependent Claim (s)

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Small Entity

Rate	Fee
	\$ 355
x 9	\$
x 40	\$
+ 135	\$
Total	\$

OR

Large Entity

Rate	Fee
	\$ 710
x 18	\$ 0
x 80	\$ 160
+ 270	\$ 0
Total	\$ 870

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 870.00 is enclosed for the filing fee.

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